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The Honorable Thomas S. Gordon
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 January 1949 enclosing some material from your constituent, [] regarding subversive action in Chicago.

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The Central Intelligence Agency is charged with the coordination of the foreign intelligence activities of the United States. The original material which you handed to Mr. Pforzheimer, and which I acknowledged under date of 7 January, insofar as it dealt with [] activities and knowledge in certain countries abroad, was extremely welcome. However, Public Law 253 of the 80th Congress, which established the Central Intelligence Agency, specifically excludes us from activities of a police or internal security nature. This type of work comes exclusively under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am very sorry that my letter of 7 January did not draw this distinction more clearly.

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I have had translated the material which you forwarded to me under date of 24 January, and find that it deals exclusively with internal security matters, and therefore should be brought to the attention of the FBI. If I have your permission, I will send the original and our translation to the Director of the FBI for his action.

May I again express my appreciation for your interest in our work, and repeat that we would be most happy to have any material which may come to your attention regarding foreign countries and areas, but we are precluded by law from handling material of an internal security nature.

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Sincerely yours,

R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 24, 1949

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Adverting to the information I handed to Mr. Pforzheimer, and noting your desire to receive any other pertinent facts regarding subversive action in this country from your acknowledgment dated January 7th, I inclose another communication I have received from [redacted]

I am sure you have translators who can transcribe his report, for from what I read it contains much agitation against our form of Government and urges a stand with the USSR, and blames the U.S. for adopting Hitler's policies.

[redacted] is a reliable fellow and his knowledge of the way communistic doctrines are trying to be foisted on the American people, I believe would be a valuable agent in your Organization. May I suggest that you call him in and interview him personally?

With kind personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Thomas S. Gordon

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